

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above amendments and consider the following remarks. Claims 1-26 have been elected, and claims 27 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice. As a result, claims 1-26 are still pending in the application. The Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and accompanying remarks.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner required restriction between the following sets of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- 1) claims 1-26, drawn to a vinyl siding panel, classified in class 52, subclass 518;
and
- 2) claims 27 and 28, drawn to a method of producing a vinyl siding panel, classified in class 264, subclass 75.

In light of the restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby elects claims 1-26. Claims 27 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant has elected claims 1-26 in light of the restriction requirement. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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